

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 7, and 14-17 were amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph as per the Examiner's instructions. Applicant notes the Examiner's statement that claims 1-19 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph as the prior art does not disclose a battery separator as described in the currently pending application. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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